

REMARKS

The allowance of Claims 23, 25, 27-29 and 31 is noted with appreciation.

Applicants have addressed the objection regarding the use of "TEFLON" in the application. The Examiner is authorized to make the same change elsewhere in the event the undersigned has overlooked another use of that mark.

The rejections of Claims 14, 16 and 33-35 as being anticipated by JP '413 under 35 USC § 102(b) and of Claims 15, 17-21, 24, 26, 30 and 32 as being unpatentable over Oosuka et al. in view of JP '413 under 35 USC § 103(a) are traversed. Reconsideration of each of these rejections is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following comments.

JP '413, like Oosuka et al., does not teach a gap. In fact, JP '413 teaches the opposite of a gap or an interruption of continuity or a peeling off to form such a gap. Indeed, JP '413 does not teach utilizing or facilitating peeling off. That is, instead of a gap, JP '413 teaches to provide a silicon coating material as acknowledged in the Office Action. It appears, however, that the Examiner may be construing the term "gap" in a way which contradicts its normal meaning and certainly its meaning used by applicants. When a dentist puts a false tooth or bridge to fill the space between two teeth, the dentist eliminates the gap. In other words, the gap no longer exists. To the extent a silicon coating material is provided on the surface of the primary coil, it does not create a gap between merely means there is by necessity some distance between the primary coil and the material on the other surface of the silicon coating material.


Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NT/48610CO).

Respectfully submitted,

September 15, 2003



James F. McKeown
Registration No. 25,406

CROWELL & MORING, LLP
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844

JFM/acd
056208.48610CO